GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY TO AMARNATH PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any initiatives are being taken by the Union Government to ensure the safety and security of the Amarnath Pilgrims;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a)to(c): The State Government has informed that they have made elaborate security arrangements for Amarnath pilgrims in light of some intelligence inputs. The routes through which convoys of pilgrims are moving have been sensitized and ROPs deputed.The security arrangements on routes to Amar-Nath cave and the holy cave have been strengthened by a 3-tier system of security set-up involving Army, BSF, CRPF, ITBP and State Police respectivelyLike every year, additional security forces have been provided to the Government of J&K to make security arrangements for the Amarnath Yatra 2003.